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MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

AGENDA

August 5, 2016

9:00 A.M.

Tom C. Clark, Bldg.

1st Floor Conference Room

205 W. 14th Street

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Meeting Goal: To determine issues on which the committee will focus in 2016-17.

Timeline: The full Texas Judicial Council will meet twice before the 85th Legislature Regular Session begins on January 10, 2017. The Council's Mental Health Committee will discuss areas of focus at the August 19 Council meeting and specific bills at the October 28 Council meeting. A Council meeting likely will be scheduled in February 2017 at which the Mental Health Committee will discuss (1) the status of pending and proposed bills; and (2) considerations related to the formation of a permanent Mental Health Commission.

- 9:00-9:15: Welcome, introductions, and committee overview (Justice Bill Boyce)
- 9:15-9:45: Overview of Texas mental health needs, systems, and legislative issues (Adrienne Kennedy, National Alliance on Mental Illness – Austin)
- 9:45-10:30: Recent legislative developments; look-ahead to 85th Session (Nelson Jarrin, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute)
- 10:30-10:45: Break
- 10:45-11:15: Issues concerning specialty courts (David Slayton, Office of Court Administration)
- 11:15-11:45: SB 1185 Pilot Project as an example of collaboration (Dr. William B. Schnapp, Mental Health Policy Advisor to Harris County Judge Ed Emmett)
- 11:45-12:00: Overview of issues concerning permanent commission (Justice Bill Boyce)
- 12:00-1:30: Working lunch to discuss committee priorities for presentation to council in August and October